

tion of the intellect is faith, of the sensibilities is love, of the will is obedience.

These are the elements of religion. Faith in God and salvation, love to God and man; obedience, the complete subordination of the human will to the divine.

Here we reach the crowning excellence of man's being, the keystone of the spiritual arch.

The culture of these three elements is religious culture, faith in God, love to God and obedience to God is religion. Faith leads to love, love to obedience. Faith is the soil in which grows the tree of love and obedience is the ripened fruit.

Then let us plant the tree of love in the soil of faith in God and it will reward us with the golden fruit of perfect obedience."

Such a procedure will secure for us not only the approval of the wisest and best among mankind but we have reason to believe that the approbation of God rests on such a course.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

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Until the time of our Savior the world had groped in darkness and sin. A great mist of superstition had fallen over the whole land. All was gloom and despair. Only in one small spot—the land of Palestine was there any light. Here a small light was flickering waiting to blaze up and light the whole world.

Oh, glorious Christmas morn when the Star of Bethlehem was first seen in the East! Oh, the darkness that was waiting to be dispelled! No wonder the hosts of heaven sang anthems of praise. Jesus Christ came to clear away the mist and gloom of wickedness and superstition. It was not his mission to do this by his individual efforts, but he came to establish the means by which this darkness might be dispelled. So he calls his followers around him and says, "Ye are the light of the world." Christ lit these lights and set them to shining; and ever since, from age to age, the followers of Jesus have been the light of the world. This light has shone brighter and brighter until it has encircled the globe.

Solomon says, "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Other lights may fail. Gas lights, electric lights, and even the great light of the sun will cease; but the light which shines forth through the just shall shine "more and more unto the perfect day." Our light shall continue to get brighter and brighter until it shines with all its bril-

liancy in eternity. We are, as it were, each a little light that goes to make up the great body of the light of Christianity. Should any of our lights be hid the light will be lessened. The more lights that are kept burning the greater the area that is lightened—the wider our influence. Considering then, the great mission of our light in the world let us, as we are admonished by Jesus, let our light shine that men may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

Some of us may feel discouraged and think there is nothing for us to do in this world. Perhaps we cannot preach, or pray in public, or sing, or exhort, or do many other things that others do with ease. But, my dear friends, there is one thing we all can do,—we can let our light shine. We can speak a kind word to the sad and broken hearted. We can sympathize with the afflicted. We can lend some assistance to the needy. Nothing will give our light a brighter glow than kind words and good deeds. None of us can afford to have our light covered with a bushel. If any of us have been grumblers, let us cease our grumbling at once, for it is a bushel that darkens our light. No light can shine brightly through the grumble bushel. If any of us have been conforming to the world let us at once refrain, for this is a bushel that will shut off the rays of our light. This bushel is so often found hovering over the light of some of our young people.

If any of us have been practicing hypocrisy, let us practice it no more, for this is one of the darkest bushels that we can permit to hide our light. Many a poor wanderer has lost his way and gone down over the precipice of destruction because some one had covered his light with the bushel of hypocrisy. With this bushel over our light, people do not see the light at all, and say, "There is no Christianity in him." Yes, this bushel is so large that oft times when it is covered over one light, it hides the whole light of the church from many eyes, and they say, "There is no good in Christianity." Oh, let us examine ourselves and see if there is any bushel covering our light! Let us look into our hearts and see if "the light that is in us is darkness," and if we have any bushel over our light let us, for Christ's sake, for our own soul's sake, and for the sake of perishing souls around us, throw it off with all our energy, and set our light on a candlestick that men may be directed to salvation.

THE man who makes a noise in church on Sunday has no right to keep still on Monday.

WHEN HE COMES.

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The question arises, Will Christ come again? Acts 1: 11. Ye men of Galilee why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

We now have proof that Jesus ascended up into heaven. Christ said in John 14: 3. "And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself for where I am there ye may be also."

We now believe that He will come again. Let us now see in what manner He will come, we find in the Scripture that we shall see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Christ shall come in the glory of his Father. Matt. 16: 27. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his holy angels, and then He shall reward every man according to his works.

Dear King's Children let us so live before God and man that our reward may be a crown of life that fadeth not away. He shall come as flaming fire. II Thess. 1: 7 9. "And to you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power.

We also find in the Holy Scriptures that Christ shall come accompanied with saints and angels. Let us close our eyes to this world for one moment and picture in our minds what a grand and glorious sight it will be to those that love his appearing, to behold our dear Lord and Savior coming in the glory of his father, accompanied with saints and angels to take us unto himself.

The word of God says, "The dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Dear friend do we want to be one of that happy number, if so let us therefore watch and pray putting on the breast plate of faith and love, and for an helmet the hope of salvation. Christ is coming to give his faithful ones a crown of glory,

I Peter 5: 4. "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

Dear friend will we prepare to receive that crown of glory, or shall we be ban-